GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HM&FW Department – JEEVANDHAN – Felicitation of Deceased Donor and his/her Family members – "The mortal remains of the deceased donor to be honoured on behalf of the State Government of A.P " – Guidelines – Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (D2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.95 **Dated:08.08.2024.**

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.184, HM & FW (M1) Department, Dated: 16.8.2010.
2. From the Chairman, AACT, Jeevandan, A.P. & DME, Lr.No.JD/State Honours for Deceased Donors/2024, dt.04.03.2024.
3. From the Director, NOTTO, GoI, M&HW, DGHS, F.No.27/669/A/c/NOTTO/24.

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ORDER:

Organ Donation is an act of Supreme nobility, wherein the deceased donor, by donating his/her organs, gives a second lease of life to many persons suffering with organ failure. The dead (deceased) donor's organs like the Kidneys, liver, lungs, heart, intestine, pancreas, hands and skin etc. can be donated with the consent of the family of deceased person.

2. In the G.O.1st read above, based on the recommendations of the Cadaver Transplantation Advisory Committee (CTAC), the Government of A.P. has cleared a new comprehensive scheme "Jeevandan" to give a fillip to organ transplantation. The Appropriate Authority for Cadaver Transplantation (AACT) is the legal entity authorized with the statutory powers under the APTHOA 1995. It will act as the Appropriate Authority under the section 13 of the APTHOA 1995, which was addresses the issues related to declaration of brain-death, infrastructure, coordination and public awareness. A large number of patients suffering from irreversible organ ailments involving heart, liver, pancreas and kidney could lead a healthy life if they had the opportunity to undergo transplant surgery.

3. To honour the deceased organ donor after organ retrieval, by the district administration on behalf of the State Government, the Chairman, Jeevandhan & DME, A.P., in the letter 2nd read above, has furnished a proposal.

4. Meanwhile, the GoI in the letter 3rd read above, has informed that in-addition to the current provision of Rs. 10,000/- for dignified funeral per organ donor, the competent authority of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has approved for felicitation of all deceased organ donors, and his/her family member by presenting a shawl, certificate with frame, and some flowers, as a mark of respect to every deceased organ donor at the time of donation, at a maximum permissible cost of Rs. 1,000/- per donor. The said felicitation is to be disbursed by the respective SOTTO. The Budget for additional Rs. 1,000/- by the respective SOTTO can be met from their miscellaneous budget under Grant-in-Aid released to them. The GoI, has requested all States to implement the guidelines, so as to boost awareness on organ donation and connecting with this noble cause.

5. Government after careful examination, to boost the awareness on organ donation, hereby issue the following guidelines :-

1. The information of the organ retrieval from a brain dead person shall be conveyed to the District Collector through the Dean / Medical Superintendent / Chief Medical Officer of the concerned hospital (Government / Private) which was registered under Jeevandan, Andhra Pradesh State Organ and Tissues Transplantation Organization (SOTTO) as Organ Transplantation Center (OTC) / Non Transplantation Organ Harvesting Center (NTOHC) without delay, so that the honoring of the mortal remains can be done in time.

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2. The honours on behalf of the State Government will be accorded to the deceased organ donors after organ retrieval, by the District administration.

3. The District Collector shall accord the honours. In case the District Collector is unable to personally come in view of his/her preoccupation elsewhere, he/she will depute a Senior District / Divisional official such as Joint Collector (Revenue) / District Revenue Officer / Sub Collector / Revenue Divisional Officer for according the honour with the following guidelines:

    a. A wreath or Garland shall placed on the mortal remains of the deceased donor.
    b. Donor family members shall be felicitated by presenting a shawl, certificate with frame, and some flowers, as a mark of respect to every deceased organ donor at the time of donation, at a maximum permissible cost of Rs. 1,000 per donor.
    c. An amount of Rs.10,000/- shall be disbursed to the family members of the deceased donor for dignified funeral which will be reimbursed from SOTTO.
    d. Issue of donor family certificate to the donor family members.
    e. Presentation of memento to the donor family members.
    f. Free transportation of the body of deceased donor from the retrieval hospital (OTC / NTOHC) to his/her residence / cremation place shall be provided.
    g. The deceased donor shall be honoured with the presence of official nominated by the Collector on behalf of the state Government during the performance of his/her last rites.
    h. Two staff members of SOTTO or local representatives from Government Medical College/Institution on behalf of SOTTO will physically visit the donor's hospital/home and felicitate the family member on the spot.

4. The District Collector shall also issue a detailed Press Release with the photograph of the deceased donor recognizing the supreme sacrifice of the deceased donor and the benevolent decision of the family to donate the organs of the brain-dead person.

6. The Chairman, Jeevandhan & DME, A.P., shall implement the above Guidelines, in letter and spirit, to achieve the object of Organ Donation. The amount of Rs. 10,000/- for funeral charges and additional amount of Rs. 1,000/- can be met from miscellaneous budget released under Grant-in-Aid to respective SOTTO.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
The Chairman, Jeevandhan & Director of Medical Education, A.P., Vijayawada.
The concerned officers (through Chairman, Jeevandhan & DME).
All Heads of Departments under the control of HM&FW Department.
All the District Collector & Magistrates in the State of A.P.

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